

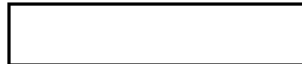
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Reconnaissance, CIA

SUBJECT : Comments Regarding the Draft
CORONA Management Directive

REFERENCE



dated 29 April 1966

1. We note one major change in the proposed draft directive from previous correspondence. This occurs on the top of page 4 wherein the PSAPO is "to act as the principal Payload Sub-Assembly Assistant to the SPD during pre-mission planning, on-orbit operations, and post-mission analyses." We prefer, if CIA is to retain any position in the on-orbit field, that the wording be used whereby the SPD delegates responsibility for the pre-mission planning, on-orbit operations, and post-mission analyses to CIA. There is no proper technical way by which the SPD can direct the payload on-orbit operations; and that responsibility should be assigned to those most knowledgeable of the payload system, namely CIA.

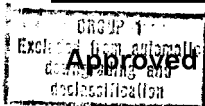
2. This point is later verified in the text on page 8 when it states that "the SPD is expected, in normal situations, to assign responsibility to the senior PSAPO representative on matters of payload sub-assembly readiness, on-orbit operation, analysis of technical difficulties, etc." The earlier paragraph on page 4 should be amended to coincide with the intent of page 8.

3. Another item which should be corrected appears on page 2, second line, where the Director of Reconnaissance, CIA is charged with directing and supervising the development "and/or" production of the CORONA payload. The "or" should, of course, be dropped.

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